

13 GOVERNORS CONFER; FAVOR "PREPAREDNESS"

Fourteen Former State Executives Join Them in Annual Gathering

DESIRE UNIFORM LAWS Declare in Interviews They Will Support President in Aim for Larger Forces

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—Governor Walsh, standing in the Senate rostrum of the historic State House, today extended the glad hand of welcome from Massachusetts to the Governors' Conference.

With these formalities, Boston and Massachusetts became the scene of the greatest assemblage of Governors and former Governors in the history of the United States.

Thirteen Governors were seated in the Senate Chamber. An additional 13 ex-Governors increased the total of distinguished visitors to 26.

The purpose of the conference is to provide free discussion of subjects which should be made uniform through State legislation.

Governor Walsh in his address of welcome said: "It is not a notable testimony to the inestimable value of the free institutions of ours and an especial cause of gratitude to Almighty God, that while half the world is in the throes of a mad and horrible convulsion which is fast to set back the march of European civilization 100 years, we, the chosen representatives of peaceful and happy millions, should be gathered here to discuss the great questions of peace, to plan for the still further improvement of the industrial and social conditions of our day and to increase the prosperity and happiness of the most prosperous and happy people under the sun?"

PEDESTALS GATHER, ALSO. Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University, replied on behalf of the conference of universities and public service, which met in joint session today with the Governors.

Many Governors seen before the opening session of the Conference agreed that "national preparedness" was the subject of utmost importance to the Conference. Here are what the executives had to say on the subject:

Governor Richard I. Manning, of South Carolina: "I must admit that Secretary of War Garrison Keightley, for the army struck me as a little high; but I am ready to support President Wilson as far as he wishes to go, and I have no doubt whatever that the country will stand behind him solidly. As for the navy, undoubtedly much larger appropriations are needed. The sentiment in the United States for peace has not changed, however."

As an inland State, Montana naturally has not taken as much interest in fortifications and a navy as the coast States; but public sentiment has been aroused by the events of the last year, and I am not sure we need an extra session of Congress, but if President Wilson issues a call for an extra session, he will have the support of the people. Personally, I am not so strong for an army of 600,000 men, as I am for increasing the militia.

DISREGARD PARTY. "The nation ought to have a trained reserve force of 1,000,000 men," said Governor Spry of Utah. "Regardless of party, generous appropriations should be voted to put in the best state of defense. The last year has taught us much and we should be ready to take home the lesson."

Ex-Governor Elias M. Ammons, of Colorado, said: "While we do not want a large standing army, we ought to have a larger trained force to call out in time of danger. More money should be spent on the militia and the citizen army should be increased. As for the navy, I have a hunch that the great lesson of the war is the need for more submarines. Whatever President Wilson asks for, no matter how many men for the army and how many ships, should be provided. He is the man on the job, and the people trust him."

Governor Arthur Capper, of Kansas, said that his State is opposed to any war policy leading to militarism, but is favorable to preparedness, and is in favor of a reasonable extent.

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FIRST ACTUAL WORK ON SUBWAY SYSTEM VISIBLE AT CITY HALL

Painted Lines Show Where Walls Will Be Located. Moving Stairways to Lift Passengers

25 ENTRANCES AND EXITS Approximately 80,000 Persons an Hour Can Be Accommodated on Normal Basis

The first and actual work on the new subway system is on view today on the west plaza and in the courtyard of City Hall, where employees of the Department of City Transit have painted white lines indicating where the walls of the subway will be located. The lines are for the guidance of the contractor.

The west wall of the subway will pass diagonally under the statue of Joseph Ledy on the west City Hall plaza, as shown by the white line. Thousands of citizens passing through the courtyard or around the hall today stopped to examine and follow up the lines.

Eight separate stairways and four escalators will be built at City Hall to accommodate the thousands of passengers who will leave or enter the Broad street subway at that point. The escalators will be used only to lift the passengers to the street level, while the stairways can be used by those entering or those leaving the tube.

These entrances and exits, however, will lead only from the street level to the mezzanine floor of the gallery of the subway, which will be 12 feet above the level of the tracks in the tube. From the track level, or the platforms on which the passengers will leave the electric trains, there will be 25 stairways leading to the mezzanine floor and the gallery.

A total of 80,000 persons per hour can be accommodated by these stairways, assuming that all are leaving the subway. If all are entering, 40,000 persons an hour can be accommodated. On a normal travel basis, with passengers both leaving and entering, the limit capacity of these entrances and exits will permit approximately 40,000 persons to reach the street from the tube and a like number to enter the tube from the street. These totals, however, are far above the number that will enter the stairways in any one hour.

The four escalators leading to the street will be four feet in width. Four of the stairs connecting the mezzanine floor and the gallery with the street will be eight feet in width, and the remaining four will be six feet in width. The 25 stairways from the platform level of the subway will vary considerably in width.

When the central station under the west side of City Hall is completed direct underground connections can be made with the Broad street subway at Market street. Passengers at the point will be enabled to change from the Broad street to the Market street tube or the reverse at this point without coming out of the subway.

In addition to a regular system of electric lighting, the stairways, mezzanine floor, gallery and the platform floor under City Hall will be lighted by the use of light wells, similar to those carried along the line of the Market street subway. The wide pavement around City Hall will permit the construction of particularly light wells, and several of these will be 15 feet square.

P. R. T. CANNOT AGREE WITH PASSYUNK MEN

Committee of Avenue Merchants Fails to Induce Transit Company to Retain Route 81

No satisfactory agreement was reached today at a meeting of officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and a committee representing the Passyunk Business Men's Association in the Land Title Building, to give the Passyunk avenue merchants opportunity to protest against the contemplated rerouting of Route 81, the Passyunk avenue line. The company intends to change the line so that the cars will leave Passyunk avenue at Snyder avenue, continuing down that avenue to the river front, instead of on Passyunk avenue, as at present. The change, which will become effective September 5, will leave Passyunk avenue high and dry, as far as cars are concerned, from 16th to 6th street.

The committee argued that the sudden withdrawal of a car line that has been on a business route for more than 60 years would cripple the business; that half of their trade would be taken from the merchants if the cars were abandoned and that the change is not needed because the line is well patronized although it is not on a good running schedule.

C. B. Fairchild, Jr., representing the committee, said that with the extension of the Broad street line to meet the rerouted Passyunk line at Snyder avenue, the transit facilities of the neighborhood would be doubled. He admitted that the Passyunk line was far inferior to the one maintained by the company, and said that that was one of the reasons why the company was considering taking it off. He said the line had not paid in the past.

Mr. Fairchild said he would talk the matter over with Mr. Mitten, who is at present out of town.

WHITE LINE MARKING WALL OF NEW SUBWAY



The photograph shows where the west wall of the new subway will pass under the plaza of City Hall. City Transit employees painted the lines to guide the contractor's workmen.

INDEPENDENTS PLAN FIGHT FOR REAL MAN FOR MAYOR'S CHAIR

Citizens Meet With Blankenburg and Prepare for Campaign—Silent Until Organization Decides

WEEK FOR NOMINATIONS Independent leaders and workers today are making every preparation to throw themselves into a vigorous fight to elect a man of high calibre and established executive ability to succeed Mayor Blankenburg, as soon as the independents' policy of "watchful waiting," determined upon last night at a conference held at the Mayor's summer home in the Pocopas, is ended with the solution of the Organization Mayorality puzzle.

A plan of action to meet every possible contingency was outlined at last night's conference, which was attended by a dozen of the leading independents of Philadelphia. Among them were Director of Public Safety George D. Porter and leaders in the Public Service Committee of One Hundred.

The independents will mark time until the Organization bosses have made public their intention in the mayorality contest. This was made clear at the meeting last night. Just one week from today, August 31, is the last day for filing nomination papers, and the independents expect that by that time the Organization bosses will have found their way out of the mayorality maze. Until the name of the Organization candidate becomes definitely known and until it is known whether or not there is a factional fight within the Organization, the independents will content themselves with completing preparations to battle against the election of a contractor-controlled Mayor and Council.

None of the participants in last night's conference would discuss today what transpired. It was made clear after the meeting, however, that the independents will be ready for any emergency and that Mayor Blankenburg himself will go on the stump right after Labor Day and lead the fight for the election of a Mayor who will give the city a continued constructive administration, and for the election of an unbiased Council.

Those who took part in last night's conference included, in addition to the Mayor and Director Porter, T. Henry Walnut, John G. Winton, Cyrus H. Jones, Jr., Director Cooke, E. L. D. Roach and several other members of the Committee of 100 and the Committee of 25.

The Mayor would not discuss the conference. "There are times when a man cannot say a word," he said to his best friends, "and this is one of those times." "There is not a word to be said at the present time. We simply had a little conference and talked things over, but there is nothing for publication now. There will be plenty doing when the right time comes."

Mayor Blankenburg would not discuss the people's candidate for Mayor, Vare nor the appointment of Thomas R. Smith to the post of Public Service Commissioner. Other participants in the conference, however, made it clear that the independent would fight the election of Congressman Vare, should he be a candidate, on the grounds that he is a contractor and therefore should not be placed in control of the enormous contracts to be awarded under the next administration.

75 MEN OFFER BLOOD TO SAVE WOMAN'S LIFE

30 Volunteers Undergo Tests Before One Is Picked for Transfusion

Seventy-five men were willing to give their blood to save the life of a woman who is critically ill in the University Hospital. It was announced today by Dr. Wallace Frank at the hospital that one of the volunteers had been chosen to undergo the operation to permit blood transfusion, after the blood of 36 men had been tested.

The successful applicant, if he can so be designated, is a strong, healthy young man, who will not be hurt by losing the pint of blood required; if necessary more than one pint will be taken. He will be hospitalized for at least two days after the operation, which will be performed either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Most of the men who volunteered said they did so, not in the hope of reward, but to save a woman's life. Many sent their offers by telephone, and long after the eight men had been found offers kept coming in. It was said in the brief advertisement which called forth the volunteers that the family of the woman was able to say for the gift of blood, but this matter was not discussed by the man who will submit to the operation. He left the question of remuneration to the woman's relatives.

AMERICAN WITNESSED FOUR ATTACKS ON DARDANELLES

Served as Fireman on British Ships in War Zone

An attack on the Dardanelles on four different occasions was witnessed by J. J. Daly, a fireman on board the tanker Westwage, which has just arrived in port. In January he shipped as fireman on the British ship Manitou. She discharged her cargo at London and Daly reshipped on the British ship Gloucester Castle. She carried troops bound for the Dardanelles. At Port Said Daly went ashore and overstayed his leave. He missed the ship and went to Alexandria, Egypt, where he joined the crew of the British ship Caledonia, which also was bound for the Dardanelles. She arrived there on April 25 and the bombardment began shortly after her arrival. More than a thousand wounded men were brought aboard the ship.

When the Caledonia returned to Alexandria, Daly shipped on the Cardingshire. This ship also took troops to the Dardanelles and after landing them took on a number of wounded prisoners. She was struck by a shell which killed many of the prisoners, but she eventually reached Malta, where she landed. The ship was then ordered to Embros Island, near the Dardanelles, where Daly missed her and shipped on the Franconia. He was again taken to the scene of conflict and his ship was lying beside the Manitou when the latter was torpedoed. The Franconia returned to Alexandria where Daly joined the Westwage. While in Alexandria, Daly became stranded and boarded the United States cruiser North Carolina and told of his troubles. The crew raised \$35 and gave it to him. Daly said he would like to go to the Dardanelles if he could find a ship going in that direction.

TURKEY ANTICIPATED WAR WITH ITALY, SAYS REPORT

Constantinople Prepares to Meet New Foos

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 24.—Italy was expected to attack Turkey, and preparations were made to meet her, today, says an official statement published here today.

"We had expected war with Italy since the outbreak of Austro-Italian hostilities," the statement continued, "and are completely prepared to meet the Italians wherever they choose to fight, whether at the Dardanelles or in Asia Minor."

Says Italians Are Fighting for Ideals NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Rev. Dr. B. M. Tipple, in charge of Methodist "church" work in Rome, who arrived here yesterday from Italy, reports that Italians exhibit a seriousness of purpose in regard to the war such as he never had known them to entertain before.

"Italians are not boasting of victory," said Doctor Tipple. "They are saying little about victory. They are saying more about ways to win and letting victory care for itself. Italy went into the war with a very serious purpose. She was not stampeded by any popular clamor. She felt the democratic spirit, the American ideal concerning the welfare of the average man. She is in the war to advance these ideals, and for nothing else."

ST. SWITHIN'S FORECAST RECORD JUST AS GOOD AS UNCLE SAM'S

Legendary Prophet Scored 60 Per Cent. on 40-Day Rain Prediction—Government's Average on Short Time Prognostications Only 80 Per Cent.

Table with columns for dates (July 15 to July 24) and weather forecasts (C, A, T, B, S, R, D, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z). It compares St. Swithin's records with government forecasts.

St. Swithin's 40-day term expired today and he is a 60 per cent. prophet. At least that figure represents the accuracy with which he forecast the weather of the last 40 days.

FRENCH ATTACKS GAIN GROUND IN THE VOSGES

ON HEIGHTS OF FECHT Germans Deliver Violent Counter-Assaults, but Fail to Retake Positions

PARIS, Aug. 24.—French troops gained more ground in the Vosges yesterday, the War Office announced this afternoon. The fighting was of a desperate character, the French making three violent attacks on the heights north of Schratzmannelle and the Germans launching numerous counter attacks.

The War Office communique follows: "There were some artillery engagements during the night in the sectors north of Arras, between the Somme and the Oise, and in the Argonne.

In the Vosges three violent combats were fought yesterday on the heights situated to the east of the Fecht and to the north of Schratzmannelle. Despite numerous counter-attacks the enemy was unable to recapture the ground he had lost.

"At Barrenkopf we likewise maintained the gains made on the night of August 22. The Germans made a fresh attack upon our trenches on the crest of Sondermach. They were repulsed."

STARVING, WOMEN ENTER SUICIDE PACT

Pets Join Sisters in Death. "Little Left to Live For," Says Note.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Penniless, hungry and without friends, Mary and Maude Burrows, sisters, took the "easiest way out" of their troubles. Their bodies were found by the police early today in bed in their small home here. Clamped in each other's arms after they had turned on the gas, the girls had lain down to await death.

The bed on which they lay was almost the last bit of furniture in the home and the others having been sacrificed to stave off starvation.

A note addressed to the police, found in an adjoining room, stated that sickness and poverty had led to the double suicide.

"There is little left for us to live for," it read. "We want to be buried by the side of our relatives in Rock Creek Park." Their pet dog and cat joined the sisters in death, the bodies of the animals being found near the foot of the bed.

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An several of the Jackies expressed it, the men are "on their toes, waiting for the word go." There are a dozen ships at the yard and nearly all of them are taking on supplies.

Significance is added to these preparations by the reticence of the officers. It was learned today, however, that the Kansas and the Minnesota had received orders to sail for high seas and patrol from Har Harbor, Me., to Galveston, Tex. Both ships are now taking on stores and ammunition as rapidly as possible.

The battleship Tennessee is expected to arrive tomorrow from Annapolis. She will take on 300 marines in addition to her present crew, together with a large quantity of ammunition and a number of field guns.

On receiving the extra supplies and men, the ship, it was reported, would sail to Haiti. But the Jackies say this with a wink, and it is generally believed that the real destination is Vera Cruz, or some other Mexican port.

In order to man the ships scheduled to leave the yard during the next few days it will be necessary to mobilize several hundred marines at the yard. A large number will come from Norfolk and the Brooklyn Navy Yard. To obtain a full complement of men the outgoing ships will find it necessary to strip others of their crews.

The men declare they are already in fighting trim. The Jackies have been kept up for action by long daily drills with the automatic machine guns, the Colt rapid-fire guns and the three-inch naval guns.

The marines are being put through what is known as "extended order" movements in which all the commands are given by signals and the campus alive with little charging and counter-charging armies. Those who sail on the Tennessee will be in command of Captain B. S. Ritterhouse, who has had considerable experience along administrative lines and also as a fighter.

It was learned that the supply ship Culgoa, now at New York, would sail here on Friday, taking a lot of supplies and money when it leaves. Its destination, also, is kept secret.

The money will be in charge of Paymaster R. D. Putnam. The Melbourne, a new cruiser transport, is expected to be delivered at the yard early next week, and will also get her complement of men there.

Despite the activity at the yard, Lieutenant Commander Hunt, aide to the commandant, said that no orders to sail had been received at the yard.

OFFICERS ARE RETICENT CADORNA NIBBLING AWAY

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Italian warfare has developed in the Austro-Italian theater of hostilities, and Lieutenant General Count Luigi Cadorna, Chief of the Italian General Staff, following the tactics of General Joffe, is "doubting" his way to victory.

"Unwilling to incur the heavy losses that a grand assault all along the line would entail because of the great strength of the Austrian fortifications, the Italian high command has decided to pound away at the Austrian line with the sapsure of trenches here and there where their lots would be most keenly felt by the Austrians."

Improvement in the artillery fire of the Austrians has given rise to the conclusion that trained officers from the artillery section of the German army are directing the cannonades of the big guns in Trentino and the Carnic Alps.

South of Gorizia on the Isomzo front trench-to-trench fighting of a violent nature is in progress, together with mining operations on a big scale. The Italian high command reports that the Austrians are reported from the Cordevo Valley, particularly in the region of Lana Pass. Aircassiana is being bombarded by Italian aviators.

FIERCE CHASE IN TAXI TO SEIZE STOLEN AUTO

Waiter Sees Car Taken—Cop Joins in Break-neck Ride. And Then—

A story of the startling denouement of an 18-mile chase through the night after a stolen automobile was related today by Roy Claypool, of Gladwyn Delaware County, to Magistrate Harris, in the 33d street and Woodland avenue police station.

Claypool motored into the city from his home and stopped at a restaurant on 60th street near Ludlow. Later a waiter called that his machine was disappearing out Market street with two men in it. Claypool ran into the door and caught a glimpse of fleeing tail-lights. Rushing to the nearest taxi stand, he leaped into a machine, called to a policeman, who jumped aboard, and the chase was on.

The two passengers prepared to desert the machine they were arrested. Today they admitted that they had borrowed the car for a joy ride. They are Frank Boyd, of 32nd Locust street, and Wilfred Longway, of 615 Spruce street. Magistrate Harris held them each in \$500 bail for a further hearing.

GREAT GERMAN ARMY ATTACKS BIG FORTRESS

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trunk lines and various branches, sufficient to withdraw our armies without danger of capture," said this War Office official in an interview approved by the Government.

"We do not believe that Petrograd is in any danger from the German armies. Ample forces have been concentrated and the necessary measures have been taken to protect the capital."

The War Office, the Government official said, gives full credit to German strategy for directing a campaign that will be recorded as one of the greatest offensive movements in the world's history. He admitted that the Austro-German successes in the East were due to strategic superiority, rather than to any preponderance in men on the enemy's side. But the War Office, he said, is greatly cheered at the rapid increase in the production of war munitions and sees a bright outlook for the future.

"The idea that the Germans have crushed our armies is ridiculous," he said with heat. "That is just what the Germans have been unable to do. They have pounded down forts and forced us to retreat, but territory is something that always can be regained."

"The day is not far distant when we will again assume the offensive and push the Austro-Germans back to their own borders. There is no concealing the fact that our present difficulties are due to errors we have made in the past. But we are firmly convinced that they will be followed by a moment of complete triumph."

The War Office official urged the people to repose the fullest confidence in the success of the Allied forces now attacking the Dardanelles.

Though the progress of the Allies seems slow, the truth is that the most intense warfare presently will be proceeding," he said in conclusion. "The results that will be finally manifested will be enormous."

POLICE BAFFLED IN BARTH MYSTERY

Efforts to Locate Missing Boy Prove in Vain—Mother Fears He's Kidnapped

The police and the parents of Harry Barth, Jr., the 15-year-old boy who disappeared from his home, 4355 Leidy avenue, although making every effort to locate him, said today that his disappearance still remains a mystery.

Mrs. Barth, who is nearly overcome with grief over the failure of the boy to return home, fears that the lad may be in the hands of kidnapers. She is unable to understand, however, why any one could be detaining the boy against his will.

"Harry is a frail boy," said Mrs. Barth, "and I know he is unable to do hard work. He was always delicate as a child and hard to raise for that reason. I cannot understand it. My heart goes out to Harry for perhaps he is weary of the only child he has."

The only clues received by the police and the boy's parents were several mysterious telephone calls, by a person purporting to be the boy. These the police have attempted to trace without success. Special policemen of the 33rd street and Lancaster avenue police station, who have been investigating the case, said today they were at a loss to understand the disappearance.

CHANCELLOR REFUSES TO STOP PHOTOPLAY

Court Not a Censor, and Interference With "Birth of a Nation" is Enjoined

TRENTON, Aug. 24.—Chancellor Walker today refused to prohibit the production of the photoplay, "Birth of a Nation," at the new Nixon Theatre, Atlantic City, by the Esplanade Amusement and Entertainment Company, on the ground that the play and theater that nothing had been produced to show that any harm had come of the production.

Mayor Riddle and the Atlantic City Commission sought to have the court issue a permanent injunction against the production of the play. A resolution by the Commission sought to stop the exhibition and this was taken to court.

It was alleged by the complainants that three scenes in the play showed the negro race in an unfavorable light, and as many of that race lived and worked in Atlantic City, it was feared there would be riots or disorders if the photoplay was shown to continue.

Ex-Assemblyman Richards, counsel for the production, pointed out that there had been no riots and no disturbances, nor were any likely to occur.

Chancellor Walker said he did not think he ought to censor the play, that considerable money had been invested in it, and there was no evidence before him to show that its production was injurious to the public morals.

He said he would make permanent the temporary injunction granted August 11, against the stopping of the photoplay. Affidavits were submitted by the complainants as to the merits of the production.

Advertisement for Niagara Falls Round Trip \$12.00. Includes details about the trip, dates, and contact information for the Niagara Falls Tourist Bureau.